# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:338
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BRINGING BACK ASHES OF SHYAMJI KRISHNA VARMA
DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to take up with Switzerland the issue of bringing back ashes of Shyamji Krishna Varma to India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stage at which the matter stands at present?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government, through the Consulate General of India in Geneva, has taken up the matter with the concerned authorities of the Canton of Geneva. The fact, whether or not the late Shyamji Krishna Varma has any living blood relations, is being ascertained before a formal proposal for the return of the ashes is forwarded to the authorities of the Canton of Geneva.